

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 480

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Melanie Simone Hawkins, 2007 Valedictorian of McEwen High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Simone Hawkins is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at McEwen High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Hawkins has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Melanie has earned an exemplary grade point average, while participating in a variety of extracurricular activities, including Mentor Mates, Sparks United, the Spanish Club, the Science Club, the Leo Club, and HOSA; she has lent her leadership skills as editor of the yearbook, secretary of the Beta Club, and Project Wisdom Producer; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to her community, Ms. Hawkins has volunteered for church clean-ups, the Elementary Fall Festival, the Elementary Book Fair, and Relay for Life; and

WHEREAS, Melanie's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hawkins's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Simone Hawkins's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2007 McEwen High School Valedictorian, Melanie Simone Hawkins, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.